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**GRAND JURY CHARGES TWO NEW YORK MEN WITH POSSESSING  
UNREGISTERED FIREARMS**

*– Duo alleged to possess nine illegal firearm silencers; one charged with use of a firearm during crime of violence*

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment against **Tariq Kabir**, age 23, and **Abunaser Khaled**, age 19, both of Brooklyn, New York, charging them with knowingly possessing and transferring unregistered firearms, namely silencers which were not registered to them in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record and which were not identified by a serial number as required by federal law. Kabir was also charged with using, carrying, and brandishing a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, that is, the possession of the unregistered silencers, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

Federal law classifies silencers as “firearms” which must be registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. Additionally, all firearms, including silencers, which are required to be registered must be identified by a serial number. The Indictment alleges that between May 24<sup>th</sup> and June 14, 2007, Kabir transferred a silencer to another person without first paying the transfer tax or completing an application for the transfer as required by federal law. The Indictment further alleges that on July 25, 2007, Kabir and Khaled had in their possession nine silencers which are classified as firearms under the National Firearms Act but

which were not registered to either Kabir or Khaled and which they transferred to another person, in violation of federal law. The Indictment further alleges that the silencers Kabir and Khaled possessed on July 25, 2007, were not identified by a serial number. Finally, the indictment alleges that the transfer of the nine silencers was a “crime of violence” under federal law, and that Kabir used, carried and brandished a Glock model 19 9mm firearm during and in relation to the crime of violence.

In the event Kabir and Khaled are convicted on the charges relating to the unlawful possession and transfer of unregistered silencers and the unlawful possession of silencers without serial numbers, the maximum potential penalties are 40 years imprisonment, a \$1,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years. In the event Kabir is convicted for the offense of using, carrying and brandishing a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine and supervised release for a period of 5 years; and the minimum potential penalties are 7 years imprisonment and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation as part of ATF’s mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

Both defendants are scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on August 28, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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